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SUBJECT: ITALO-YUGOSLAV EXCHANGES ON ZONE B

REF: ROME 3845 (NOTAL)

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

- 1. REFTEL RECOUNTED RECENT POLEMICS BETWEEN ITALY AND YUGO-SLAVIA OVER ZONE B (TRIESTE) QUESTION, INCLUDING ITALIAN DESIRE TO TAKE HEAT OUT OF DISPUTE.
- 2. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION TODAY WITH DCM AMD EMBOFF, GOI FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALEXPRESSED SOME NERVOUSNESS CONFIDENTIAL

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OVER POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF US-ITALIAN AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE DARK

IMAGE 74, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 28-APRIL 6 IN THE NORTHEAST ITALY-NORTH ADRIATIC AREA. IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED WITH THE YUGOSLAVS LAST YEAR, GOI HAD INFORMED BELGRADE OF THIS EXERCISE AND RECEIVED NO OBJECTION TO DATE. FURTHERMORE, OFFICIAL MADE IT CLEAR ITALY WAS NOT RPT NOT THINKING OF CANCELING. NEVERTHELESS, YUGOSLAV DCM HAD ASKED HIM TO LUNCH MARCH 22, WHERE HE FEARED SUBJECT MIGHT BE RAISED.

2. OFFICIAL ALSO INDICATED THAT ZONE B DISPUTE HAS SPILLED OVER INTO THE CSCE AREA. HE SAID YUGOSLAVS HAD RELATED ITALIAN OPPOSITION TO EASTERN POSITION ON UNVIOLABILITY OF FRONTIERS TO ALLEGED ITALIAN DESIGNS ON BORDER CHANGES. OFFICIAL ASSERTED THAT ITALIAN POSITION WAS THE SAME AS THAT TAKEN BY OTHER WESTERN STATES AND FOR THE SAME REASONS, AND WAS IN NO WAY RELATED TO THE ZONE B QUESTION. VOLPE

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